

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
APPLN. NO. 09/870,843

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 9 is allowable. Claims 1-8 , 10 and 11 have been cancelled. As the remaining claim 9 has been allowed, this application is in condition for allowance and should to be passed to issue at the earliest possible time.

If for any reason the Examiner the application other than in condition for allowance he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Washington, D.C. telephone number 202-293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

An extension of time is requested, and the statutory fee is being paid through the Electronic Filing System. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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